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By his Excellency

Thomas Chittenden Esqr

Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief in

and over the State of Vermont.

A PROCLAMATION

It having pleased Almighty GOD, in the course of his righteous providence notwithstanding his gracious interposition in our favour the year past, in puting a happy period to a long bloody, distressing and calamitous war, for which we owe our devoted and grateful acknowledgements. still to exercise us his sinful and rebellious people, with many sore and nighteous judgements, in blasting the fruits of the earth in the year past, which threatens some parts of the State with scarcity and want; in visiting us with an unfrequented sickness the year past, and especially in sending spiritual judgements, suffering a spirit of impiety, contempt of the sacred institution of GOD, delusions and infidelity, to prevail in many parts of the land, which call on us to humble ourselves under his mighty hand for our many aggravated sins and provocations, and earnestly to implore his mercy.

I Have thought fit, and with the advice of the Council, and at the request of the Representatives of the freemen of this State, in General Assembly met to appoint, and I do hereby appoint. Wednesday the fourteenth day of April next, to be observed as a day of public fasting, humiliation, and prayer, throughout the State: and do strictly injoin it on all Ministers of the Gospel, and Congregations of whatever denomination soever, duely to observe the same; - That we may earnestly, under a deep sense and conviction of our manifold sins and aggravated transgressions humble ourselves confidingly before God, and with contrite hearts and voices, implore his mercy and forgiveness - that he would prevent the remaining judgements with which we are exercised; - effect a cordial union and agreement between this and the United States in general; turn all the counsels

of them that hate us to peace: direct all the councils of the grand council of the United States; establish strengthen and confirm, on the most permanent basis, the confederacy of the States. that the peace, independence and freedom of the States in general, purchased at so great a price, may be perpetuated to the latest posterity: that we may be enviroued from all enemies foreign and domestick; that God would uphold up this State, and bless the administration of civil government therein; that God would endow with eminent wisdom, virtue and faithfulness, all our officers civil and military: that the people under their government may lead peaceable and quiet lives in all godliness and honesty: that he would establish and promote schools of learning, and bless the means of education: that the settlement of this State may be happily promoted: that God would raise up and send forth faithful laborers into this part of his harvest, and thereby supply vacant churches and places with pastors after his own heart; that he would cherish and promote any revivals of religion, and cause his work universally to prevail and spread, that this may become Emanuel's land: the Redeemer set up his kingdom in the world, and all things be subjected to him, and wars and tumults cease: that all infidelity, errour, delusion and impiety come to an end: that he would continue and promote the great blessing of health, prosper the labor of our hands, order the seasons of the year in much mercy; that he would grant a suitable seed time and plentiful harvest, and crown the year in all respects with abundant mercy.

All servile labor is forbidden on said day.

Given under my hand in the Council Chamber in Bennington this 3d day of March A.D. 1794

Thomas Chittenden

By his Excellency's Com'r Com'd

Joseph Fay Secretary

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